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Subject: Fw: Westlake Resolution - Response required

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House Concurrent Resolution No.

1 WHEREAS, the Mallinckrodt Chemical Works (MCW), near downtown St.
2 Louis, was contracted by the Manhattan District of the United States
3 Army Corps of Engineers in April 1942 to determine how to purify tons
4 of uranium and achieved success in only 50 days; and

5 WHEREAS, MCW then processed all the uranium used for the world's
6 first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction in Chicago on December 2,
7 1942 that marks the birth of the Atomic Age; and

8 WHEREAS, MCW continued processing uranium for nuclear weapons for
9 15 years at the downtown St. Louis site, and another 10 years at
10 Weldon Springs in St. Charles County, and generated tons of highly
11 dangerous, long-lived radioactive waste; and

12 WHEREAS, the resulting radioactive wastes have been stockpiled,
13 transported, spilled and have blown and eroded onto dozens of St.
14 Louis locations over the subsequent 70 years; and

15 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy remediated the
16 Weldon Springs site's 1.48 million cubic yards of radioactive waste at
17 a cost of one billion federal tax dollars and also remediated many St.
18 Louis sites; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1998 the Corps of Engineers took over the remediation
20 of the St. Louis sites as part of the Formerly Utilized (Manhattan
21 Project/Atomic Energy Commission) Sites Remedial Action Program
22 (FUSRAP); and

23 WHEREAS, under Corps leadership more than one million cubic yards
24 of the MCW radioactive wastes have been excavated and transported to
25 licensed radioactive waste disposal sites in Utah and Idaho at a cost
26 of more than one billion federal tax dollars and the Corps expects to
27 continue the St. Louis City and County remediation projects for an
28 estimated four additional years; and

29 WHEREAS, only one St. Louis site contaminated with MCW
30 radioactive wastes is under the jurisdiction of the United States
31 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), namely the West Lake Landfill,
32 an EPA-designated Superfund site in Bridgeton, Missouri; and

33 WHEREAS, the West Lake Landfill is not a location designed to
34 store radioactive wastes; and

35 WHEREAS, the West Lake Landfill site, located in the Missouri
36 River flood plain and along the New Madrid earthquake fault, contains
37 an estimated 143,000 cubic yards of MCW radioactive wastes that were
38 illegally dumped there in 1973; and

39 WHEREAS, the West Lake Landfill radioactive wastes have already

1 contaminated the soil and are already in contact with the groundwater
2 that flows into the Missouri River about eight miles upstream from the
3 Missouri American Water Company's North Plant in Florissant, the
4 drinking water resource for all of North St. Louis County above
5 Interstate 70; and

6 WHEREAS, the West Lake groundwater also flows into the Missouri
7 River upstream from the Missouri-Mississippi River confluence, just
8 above the Chain of Rocks drinking water intake facility for the City
9 of St. Louis; and

10 WHEREAS, the radioactive wastes will continue releasing
11 radioactive liquids, particles and gases for hundreds of thousands of
12 years and beyond; and

13 WHEREAS, exposure to radioactive liquids, particles and gases
14 increase the risk of cancer, other life-threatening diseases, genetic
15 mutations and birth defects; and

16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of
17 Representatives of the Ninety-seventh General Assembly, First Regular
18 Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby request the United
19 States Congress to transfer the authority for the remediation of the
20 West Lake Landfill radioactive wastes from the EPA to the Corps of
21 Engineers' FUSRAP project with the urgent, related request that the
22 wastes be excavated from the Missouri River flood plain and be
23 transported to a licensed radioactive waste facility, away from water
24 and away from people.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House
26 of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy
27 of this resolution for the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United
28 States Senate and House of Representatives, and each member of the
29 Missouri Congressional delegation.

30 Offered by Representative Keith English